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Alderman Donovan Calls for MPS Vision Plan Going Forward

*Ald. Donovan Sends Letter and Copy of his MPS Restructuring Plan to Mayor Barrett,
Governor Doyle, DPI's Evers and State Legislators*

Without a comprehensive and coherent vision of how Milwaukee Public Schools can be restructured, the “mayoral control” proposal won’t garner the vital public support that will be needed over the next few years if it’s to succeed, **Ald. Bob Donovan** said today.

Alderman Donovan, who has long called for a fundamental shift or switch in the way MPS is governed and operated, today said a new vision for MPS is critical as the public debate over possible mayoral control takes shape. “Without a plan or vision, we’re just reshuffling the deck,” he said.

“I agree with some of the mayor’s critics that he hasn’t presented a vision or a plan for MPS -- one that can help build public confidence in mayoral control and one that clearly resonates with the citizens of the City of Milwaukee,” he said.

The alderman, who last year issued his own restructuring plan for MPS (**see attached**), in a letter today to the mayor, the governor, state legislators and Department of Public Instruction Superintendent Tony Evers, said that although he’s 100% behind the switch to mayoral control, “merely changing the governance of Milwaukee Public Schools is not enough to solve the problems of this failing educational system.”

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“What is needed is a comprehensive strategy and plan to improve MPS in the areas of administration, finance, personnel policies, curriculum, pedagogy and student discipline, among others,” Alderman Donovan said in the letter.

“Without development and implementation of a comprehensive MPS reform plan, it will be difficult for the community to have faith in the future of Milwaukee Public Schools, even with a revised system of MPS governance,” he said in the letter.

In the letter to the mayor, governor and DPI chief (see attached), Alderman Donovan advocates putting forth state legislation necessary for the governance change so it can be “introduced and passed in a timely manner” and pledges his readiness and commitment to ensuring the legislation’s passage.

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